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## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, MARCH QUARTER 1968

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes for the quarter ended 31 March 1968. In addition statistics of duration, causes, and methods of settlement for the year ended 31 December 1967 are shown in Tables 4 to 7.

The statistics of industrial disputes refer only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more. The Australian figures include disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. Workers indirectly involved are employees thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. For the estimated loss in wages shown in Table 2, any discrepancies between totals and the sums of industry groups are due to rounding.

An industrial dispute occurring in more than one State is counted as a separate dispute in each State. A dispute involving workers in more than one industry group in a State or Territory is counted once only in the number of disputes in the industry group that has the largest number of workers involved; but workers involved, working days lost and estimated loss in wages are allocated to their respective industry groups. Disputes not settled at the end of a year are included as new disputes in the figures for the following year. Disputes not settled at the end of a quarter are not counted in the number of disputes for the following quarter, but additional workers involved and working days and wages lost are included.

For further information about these statistics see Labour Report No. 51, 1964.

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers involved			Working days lost		Estimated loss in wages (\$'000)
		Directly	Indirectly	Total	Number	Average per worker involved	
1963	1,250	398,567	14,141	412,708	581,568	1.41	4,991
1964	1,334	528,817	16,811	545,628	911,358	1.67	8,561
1965	1,346	460,234	14,810	475,044	815,869	1.72	8,198
1966	1,273	384,970	9,881	394,851	732,084	1.85	7,302
1967	1,340	472,169	11,105	483,274	705,315	1.46	7,263
1966 March Qtr	311	136,810	2,205	139,015	221,141	1.59	2,205
June "	334	93,823	2,677	96,500	160,249	1.66	1,564
Sept. "	341	85,267	727	85,994	176,452	2.05	1,763
Dec. "	287	69,070	4,272	73,342	174,242	2.38	1,770
1967 March Qtr	332	71,233	907	72,140	97,302	1.35	973
June "	367	167,121	2,659	169,780	166,323	0.98	1,623
Sept. "	348	182,554	6,051	188,605	333,679	1.77	3,497
Dec. "	293	51,261	1,488	52,749	108,011	2.05	1,170
1968 March Qtr	370	218,653	6,471	225,124	378,602	1.68	4,031

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see text above.

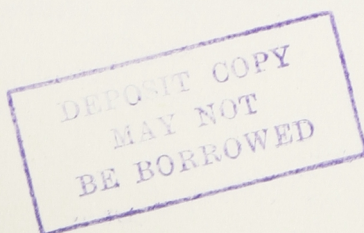
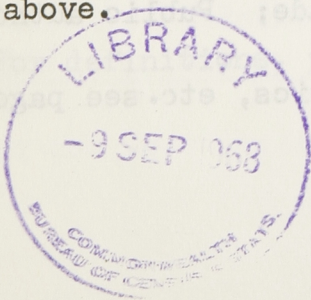




TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARCH QUARTER 1968

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	25	..	6	..	..	..	31
Other mining and quarrying	1	..	..	..	..	2	3
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	76	17	12	11	2	4	122
Textiles, clothing and footwear	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Food, drink and tobacco	19	4	3	..	3	..	29
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	3	1	..	..	1	..	5
Other manufacturing	25	3	2	3	..	..	35
<u>Total, manufacturing</u>	123	25	17	14	6	4	191
Building and construction	19	9	6	3	1	1	40
Railway and tramway services	2	..	4	..	..	..	6
Road and air transport	11	4	2	1	..	1	19
Shipping	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Stevedoring	17	28	..	4	4	..	55
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Other industries (b)	3	6	3	2	1	1	17
<u>TOTAL</u>	209	72	38	24	12	9	370

## WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)

Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	3,640	..	2,618	..	..	..	6,258
Other mining and quarrying	589	..	..	..	..	152	741
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	85,636	38,250	21,354	13,397	173	1,452	160,262
Textiles, clothing and footwear	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Food, drink and tobacco	4,098	1,538	636	..	176	..	6,448
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	410	710	..	..	205	..	1,325
Other manufacturing	3,074	4,023	159	1,616	..	..	8,998
<u>Total, manufacturing</u>	93,218	44,521	22,149	15,013	554	1,452	177,033
Building and construction	1,475	3,997	472	117	300	58	6,881
Railway and tramway services	197	..	362	..	..	..	559
Road and air transport	975	496	227	53	..	36	1,787
Shipping	395	..	..	..	..	..	395
Stevedoring	3,962	8,282	..	1,257	1,120	..	14,701
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	273	..	..	..	..	..	273
Other industries (b)	6,996	5,096	1,322	1,818	712	376	16,496
<u>TOTAL</u>	111,720	62,392	27,150	18,258	2,686	2,074	225,124

(a) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Communications; Finance and property; Wholesale and retail trade; Public authority (n.e.i.) and Community and business services.

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see page 1.



TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DIPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARCH QUARTER 1968 - continued

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
WORKING DAYS LOST							
Agriculture, grazing etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	5,190	..	5,467	..	..	..	10,657
Other mining and quarrying	589	..	..	..	..	462	1,051
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	159,865	68,326	22,052	16,069	166	2,139	268,617
Textiles, clothing and footwear	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Food, drink and tobacco	7,918	1,438	651	..	235	..	10,242
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	203	660	..	..	141	..	1,004
Other manufacturing	8,051	5,409	732	4,586	..	..	18,995
<u>Total, manufacturing</u>	176,037	75,833	23,435	20,655	542	2,139	298,858
Building and construction	3,287	3,076	1,087	183	600	29	8,724
Railway and tramway services	77	..	510	..	..	..	587
Road and air transport	769	1,608	227	27	..	21	2,652
Shipping	407	..	..	..	..	..	407
Stevedoring	1,787	10,688	..	315	269	..	13,164
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	732	..	..	..	..	..	732
Other industries (b)	18,230	12,170	3,572	4,003	2,396	955	41,770
<u>TOTAL</u>	207,105	103,375	34,298	25,183	3,807	3,606	378,602

## ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)

Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	56.0	..	68.3	..	..	..	124.3
Other mining and quarrying	6.7	..	..	..	..	6.6	13.3
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	1,749.0	682.8	220.3	165.7	1.8	22.7	2,842.2
Textiles, clothing and footwear	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Food, drink and tobacco	66.6	15.3	5.4	..	2.6	..	89.8
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	2.7	6.4	..	..	1.2	..	10.2
Other manufacturing	97.4	79.4	9.7	51.5	..	..	241.4
<u>Total, manufacturing</u>	1,915.6	783.8	235.4	217.3	5.6	22.7	3,183.7
Building and construction	37.0	42.4	12.5	2.6	7.6	0.3	107.1
Railway and tramway services	0.7	..	5.8	..	..	..	6.5
Road and air transport	8.5	44.4	2.1	0.3	..	0.2	55.5
Shipping	4.4	..	..	..	..	..	4.4
Stevedoring	18.0	107.8	..	3.2	2.7	..	132.7
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	5.1	..	..	..	..	..	5.1
Other industries (b)	169.9	122.3	36.0	39.0	17.6	9.5	398.0
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,222.0	1,100.7	360.1	262.3	33.5	39.2	4,030.6

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NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see page 1.



TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : STATES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
1963	817	180	160	35	28	11	1,250
1964	828	206	198	55	26	8	1,334
1965	832	208	186	48	33	17	1,346
1966	835	179	171	42	25	14	1,273
1967	836	212	159	55	26	29	1,340
1967 - March Qtr	212	52	41	12	8	3	332
June "	218	65	44	18	6	9	367
Sept. "	213	57	37	16	6	10	348
Dec. "	193	38	37	9	6	7	293
1968 - March Qtr	209	72	38	24	12	9	370
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)							
1963	218,976	87,978	44,313	12,045	42,584	5,019	412,708
1964	229,076	190,075	92,696	23,040	6,165	1,898	545,628
1965	251,056	121,798	53,569	28,466	12,611	5,131	475,044
1966	210,016	101,490	68,731	8,760	2,876	2,541	394,851
1967	320,241	84,521	46,251	17,447	5,071	6,207	483,274
1967 - March Qtr	44,570	14,506	8,350	2,328	1,851	131	72,140
June "	99,923	51,126	13,924	2,358	821	1,021	169,780
Sept. "	144,840	10,963	17,223	10,512	1,432	2,149	188,605
Dec. "	30,908	7,926	6,754	2,249	967	2,906	52,749
1968 - March Qtr	111,720	62,392	27,150	18,258	2,686	2,074	225,124
WORKING DAYS LOST							
1963	307,440	172,963	54,861	8,957	31,969	2,933	581,568
1964	320,568	359,567	157,571	62,785	7,148	1,939	911,358
1965	367,942	214,300	189,941	26,379	10,020	3,894	815,869
1966	400,111	219,605	80,692	20,903	6,239	3,119	732,084
1967	468,034	107,312	88,186	18,691	5,994	7,290	705,315
1967 - March Qtr	63,949	16,211	10,451	3,594	2,431	124	97,302
June "	105,972	38,501	15,502	2,717	423	981	166,323
Sept. "	231,997	40,025	46,677	9,418	2,550	1,834	333,679
Dec. "	66,116	12,575	15,556	2,962	590	4,351	108,011
1968 - March Qtr	207,105	103,375	34,298	25,183	3,807	3,606	378,602
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)							
1963	2,629.5	1,510.2	468.1	81.9	252.5	26.8	4,991.5
1964	2,996.2	3,428.2	1,453.3	585.2	62.6	18.0	8,560.9
1965	3,479.1	2,061.6	2,221.2	253.3	100.8	41.4	8,198.5
1966	4,026.0	2,097.2	860.8	199.7	64.5	34.8	7,302.5
1967	4,804.6	1,106.6	886.7	199.0	62.6	82.3	7,263.1
1967 - March Qtr	639.6	160.4	108.5	35.6	22.4	1.4	973.4
June "	1,006.7	392.5	154.0	28.7	5.2	10.5	1,623.2
Sept. "	2,450.7	412.1	466.9	103.0	28.4	22.2	3,496.5
Dec. "	707.7	141.7	157.4	31.8	6.6	48.2	1,170.0
1968 - March Qtr	2,222.0	1,100.7	360.1	262.3	33.5	39.2	4,030.6

(a) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see page 1.



TABLE 4. - DURATION OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA, 1967

Duration (Working days)	Coal mining	Stevedoring	Other industries	All industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
1 day and less	128	86	481	695
2 days and more than 1 day	38	8	222	268
3 days and more than 2 days	15	4	132	151
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	8	3	111	122
5 days and less than 10 days	3	1	76	80
10 days and less than 20 days	..	1	15	16
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	7	7
40 days and over	..	..	1	1
<u>Total</u>	192	103	1,045	1,340
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)				
1 day and less	31,351	26,960	243,138	301,449
2 days and more than 1 day	6,645	536	89,825	97,006
3 days and more than 2 days	1,224	219	48,293	49,736
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	1,007	485	13,573	15,065
5 days and less than 10 days	691	42	11,854	12,587
10 days and less than 20 days	..	22	5,917	5,939
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	1,202	1,202
40 days and over	..	..	290	290
<u>Total</u>	40,918	28,264	414,092	483,274
WORKING DAYS LOST				
1 day and less	24,047	14,283	157,977	196,307
2 days and more than 1 day	11,668	888	123,527	136,083
3 days and more than 2 days	3,294	533	111,532	115,359
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	4,120	1,687	54,130	59,937
5 days and less than 10 days	5,223	250	88,012	93,485
10 days and less than 20 days	..	245	63,989	64,234
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	26,420	26,420
40 days and over	..	..	13,490	13,490
<u>Total</u>	48,352	17,886	639,077	705,315
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)				
1 day and less	244.4	155.6	1,573.0	1,973.0
2 days and more than 1 day	117.7	9.6	1,208.1	1,335.5
3 days and more than 2 days	36.5	6.0	1,055.5	1,097.9
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	40.8	18.2	576.1	635.1
5 days and less than 10 days	55.4	3.2	942.9	1,001.5
10 days and less than 20 days	..	2.7	773.3	776.0
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	296.8	296.8
40 days and over	..	..	147.3	147.3
<u>Total</u>	494.9	195.3	6,572.9	7,263.1

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see page 1.



TABLE 5. - CAUSES OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA, 1967

Cause of dispute (a)	Coal mining	Stevedoring	Other industries	All industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
Wages, hours and leave	5	4	327	336
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	97	85	590	772
Trade unionism	28	5	96	129
Other	62	9	32	103
<u>Total</u>	192	103	1,045	1,340
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)				
Wages, hours and leave	10,331	2,186	163,394	175,911
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	16,045	13,070	100,990	130,105
Trade unionism	4,071	525	13,244	17,840
Other	10,471	12,483	136,464	159,418
<u>Total</u>	40,918	28,264	414,092	483,274
WORKING DAYS LOST				
Wages, hours and leave	10,325	1,119	244,411	255,855
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	28,871	9,054	261,664	299,589
Trade unionism	4,453	499	21,758	26,710
Other	4,703	7,214	111,244	123,161
<u>Total</u>	48,352	17,886	639,077	705,315

(a) For nature of classification see pages 208-209 of Labour Report No. 51, 1964.

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TABLE 6. - CAUSES OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : ALL INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, 1963 TO 1967

Cause of dispute (a)	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
NUMBER OF DISPUTES					
Wages, hours and leave	279	320	426	325	336
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	748	758	735	714	772
Trade unionism	115	136	101	143	129
Other	108	120	84	91	103
<u>Total</u>	1,250	1,334	1,346	1,273	1,340
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)					
Wages, hours and leave	171,551	235,846	268,105	205,613	175,911
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	142,998	191,354	143,111	125,286	130,105
Trade unionism	22,251	31,670	17,722	22,393	17,840
Other	75,908	86,758	46,106	41,559	159,418
<u>Total</u>	412,708	545,628	475,044	394,851	483,274
WORKING DAYS LOST					
Wages, hours and leave	274,901	556,948	528,722	392,458	255,855
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	233,502	257,062	235,542	269,875	299,589
Trade unionism	23,268	33,392	18,873	32,885	26,710
Other	49,897	63,956	32,732	36,866	123,161
<u>Total</u>	581,568	911,358	815,869	732,084	705,315

For footnotes see Table 5 above.



TABLE 7. - METHODS OF SETTLEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA 1967

Method of settlement (a)	Coal mining	Steve- doring	Other industries	All industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
By private negotiation	39	3	261	303
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	1	2	149	152
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State Legislation -				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	..	159	159
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	11	..	..	11
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	4	..	4
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	56	..	56
By closing down establishment permanently	..	..	..	..
By resumption without negotiation	141	38	476	655
<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>1,340</b>

## WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)

By private negotiation	5,438	239	31,530	37,207
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation-				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	62	183	19,310	19,555
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation -				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	..	33,244	33,244
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	969	..	..	969
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	248	..	248
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	8,085	..	8,085
By closing down establishment permanently	..	..	..	..
By resumption without negotiation	34,449	19,509	330,008	383,966
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,918</b>	<b>28,264</b>	<b>414,092</b>	<b>483,274</b>

## WORKING DAYS LOST

By private negotiation	9,658	389	61,645	71,692
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	62	831	68,770	69,663
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation -				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	..	156,960	156,960
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	4,234	..	..	4,234
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	114	..	114
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	5,432	..	5,432
By closing down establishment permanently	..	..	..	..
By resumption without negotiation	34,398	11,120	351,702	397,220
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,352</b>	<b>17,886</b>	<b>639,077</b>	<b>705,315</b>

(a) For nature of classification see page 211 of Labour Report No. 51, 1964.

NOTE. For definitions, and particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see page 1.

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